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Twelfth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 10:09 a.m.

The roll showed twelve members present. Senators Cowdery, Davis, Hoffman, Ogan, Wilken were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Dyson, Lincoln, Seekins were absent.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Seekins be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Seekins was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Thomas Dahl of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord God, champion of the weak, the lonely, the poor, the powerless, the sick, the angry, the countless souls on the edges of society for whom few care. We pray for them often and we do not forget them now.

But in these days, O Lord, we have allowed others to enter our thoughts and we pray for them as well.

We have prayed for those who are wealthy and have all they need, and are now vulnerable because of the energy they spend to protect what they have.

And we have prayed for those who are powerful, who are seduced by their power into believing they are worthy and others are not.

But Lord God, still others enter our thoughts and we pray for them as well.

We pray for those who are healthy, whose bodies and spirits carry them easily. Whose pains are few and whose energies seem endless. We pray for them, Lord, because their resources abound. Their bodies move easily and freely in the tasks assigned to them, but too quickly they forget the fortune of their birth and life. And too quickly, they mark how rare and special they are. Where they might stop to lend an ear or a hand, they go on by, for they have much to do. We pray for them, O Lord, because their resources abound.

And we pray for the wise whose minds seek out answers where most of us are unaware of questions; we pray for them, O Lord, because they are often trapped by their wisdom. Seeing much, they expect to see everything. Knowing much, they are surprised by the unexpected. In their considerations, awe gives way to analysis, and vision is dimmed by sight.

We pray for them all, O Lord, for the wealthy, for the powerful, for the healthy, and for the wise.

Because we are, all of us, vulnerable, tempted, abounding in resources, and often trapped by Your great gifts to us. Minister to us by Your hand and by Your word. Help us to see Your new possibilities through the lives of the poor, the powerless, the sickly, and the foolish.

Give to each one here a vision of life in its wholeness by helping us to see clearly the burdens faced by those we serve, and by that vision, save us. Amen.

Senator Ben Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the tenth and eleventh legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Lincoln was noted.

Messages from the House

Message dated January 21 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 288

2d CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 288(RLS) BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act changing the name of the Department of Community and Economic Development to the Department of Commerce and Community and Economic Development."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Investment Earnings for the Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund
from William A. Corbus, Commissioner, Department of Revenue
in accordance with AS 37.05.550(c)

Investment Earnings for the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
from William A. Corbus, Commissioner, Department of Revenue
in accordance with AS 19.65.070(c)

Local Boundary Commission Report, received January 21
from Darroll Hargraves, Chair
in accordance with AS 44.33.812 and Article X, section 12 of the Alaska Constitution. There were no local boundary changes approved by the Commission in 2003 that require legislative review under Article X, section 12 of the Alaska Constitution.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 19

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19 BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE,

Relating to the support of fisheries education, training, and research and encouraging collaborative efforts between the state, the University of Alaska, and other educational institutions to provide fisheries education programs.

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 273

SENATE BILL NO. 273 BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, the seafood marketing assessment, the seafood marketing tax, and the seafood product tax; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 274

SENATE BILL NO. 274 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the housing assistance loan fund in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; creating the housing assistance loan program; repealing loans for teacher housing and providing for loans for multi-family housing; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the housing assistance loan fund in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, creating the housing assistance loan program, repealing loans for teacher housing, and providing loans for multi-family housing.

The bill would amend AS 18.56 to remove language establishing the housing assistance loan fund and replace it with language establishing the housing assistance loan program. Under the changes, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation would continue to originate, purchase, and refinance loans for small community housing as well as building materials for and renovations and improvement to small community housing. Repayment of these loans would be directed to the Alaska Housing Finance Revolving Fund under AS 18.56.082.

The bill would replace highly restrictive provisions for teacher housing loans, which currently exist under AS 18.56.580 (Rural Teacher Housing Loan Program), with more general provisions for multi-family housing where the multi-family residence may be either owner-occupied or nonowner-occupied, with no restrictions on the latter. Further, the bill would replace an ineffective program by providing financing for needed rural multi-family housing, including housing for teachers. The bill would permit the Alaska Housing

Finance Corporation to purchase, develop, participate, and refinance loans for multi-family housing, which would include residences with two or more units.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SB 275

SENATE BILL NO. 275 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain fees or other monetary charges of the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to action against Department of Environmental Conservation permits and other authorizations for failure to pay a monetary charge; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Environmental Conservation

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the fee authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) AS 44.46.025. The bill would require a variety of persons benefiting from DEC's services to contribute toward the costs of providing those services.

This bill would expand DEC's authority to collect fees for services relating to pesticides under AS 46.03. Unlike most states, DEC does not have statutory authority to charge fees for its pesticide-related services. DEC provides services such as certifying applicators, issuing permits for pesticide application, and registering pesticides.

Similarly, this bill would grant DEC authority to collect fees for services provided through the state seafood and food safety laboratory. The seafood and food safety laboratory provides a myriad of services to certain users and the general public. Such services include testing crab, geoducks, and other shellfish for toxins before sale, testing local dairy products before sale to schools and the military, testing food products for the presence of harmful bacteria, and performing nutritional analyses.

This bill would require non-crude oil operators to contribute towards DEC's costs for reviewing, commenting upon, approving, and retaining oil discharge prevention and contingency plans and proof of financial responsibility. Non-crude operators include operators of: oil terminal facilities; oil barges; tank vessels; nontank vessels; and railroad tank cars that store or transport petroleum products derived from crude oil. Currently, only crude oil operators contribute towards DEC's costs for handling oil discharge prevention and contingency plans and proof of financial responsibility through the oil conservation surcharge on crude oil production in AS 43.55.300.

Both types of operators, non-crude and crude, derive a benefit from DEC's services. They should both contribute to the cost of maintaining the State of Alaska's oil spill safety net. The fee amount would be limited to recovering DEC's applicable direct costs associated with oil discharge prevention and contingency plans and proof of financial responsibility.

This bill would also authorize DEC to include travel costs in determining the amount of a fee and to assess late fees against a person for failing to pay amounts owed DEC. The late fees would be assessed on a monthly basis until the amount due is paid. The late fees would be adopted by DEC as fixed fees and may not exceed DEC's estimated average reasonable costs in collecting unpaid and late monetary charges. Under proposed AS 44.46.027, DEC would

periodically review regulations adopted under that section, to identify any changes in the average actual cost of collecting unpaid and late monetary charges and, by regulation, adjust the late fees accordingly. After 30 days' written notice to the person, DEC could revoke or refuse to issue, modify, amend, or renew permits, approvals, or any other DEC authorization until payment is made to the department.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SB 276

SENATE BILL NO. 276 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Insurance Guaranty Association; relating to joint insurance arrangements and assessments to the association; relating to the powers of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority concerning the association; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill aimed at a crisis in the Alaska Workers' Compensation insurance industry. Resolving this issue is vitally important to Alaska's employers and employees. Specifically, this bill deals with the after-effects of Fremont Insurance Company's insolvency (Fremont). Fremont was a California based workers compensation insurer. It was writing about 27 percent of the workers' compensation insurance policies in Alaska by the year 2000.

Fremont was heavily involved in California's workers' compensation price wars. These price wars occurred after California deregulated its insurance market in 1995. Insurers like Fremont cut prices and scrambled for market share. The result was that 41 workers' compensation carriers in California went insolvent or quit doing business in the state to avoid insolvency. Fremont joined the group of failed insurers when it was declared insolvent in July, 2003. Fremont left Alaska employers and employees "holding the bag" with liability for claims worth approximately \$60 million.

The Alaska Insurance Guaranty Association Fund (Fund) is set up to pay uncovered claims. The Fund pays claims in situations where insurance is unavailable to pay claims. The goal is to minimize losses to employers and employees. Association members are insurers that are authorized to write property and casualty insurance Alaska. An assessment is made based on the amount of premiums the member writes in this state. Current statutes cap the assessment at two percent of premiums written each year.

The Fremont insolvency and the amount of claims left over is so large, the Fund cannot cover the claims. If the difference is not made up, Alaska employers and employees alike will suffer. Employers will be held liable for claims they paid Fremont to cover. Some businesses will simply not be able to afford to pay the claims and will have to go out of business. Many other claims will be delayed or settled for less than their full value as employers and employees litigate or dispute liability and the value of a claim.

Statutory changes are necessary to address the Fund's substantial cash deficits and to provide for greater equity in times of crisis among all persons covering an employer's liability for workers' compensation, whether through insurance, self-insurance, or a pooling arrangement. A brief description of these changes follows.

Under the bill, the insurance code (AS 21) would be amended to raise the cap on member assessments by the association from two percent to four percent of written premiums and to provide for excess assessments on member insurers if there is a shortage of money in an association account. The bill would also authorize the association to assess employers that are self-insured for workers' compensation and assess joint insurance arrangements that insure an employer's workers' compensation liability. This assessment applies only when insurer assessments are insufficient in any one year to cover workers' compensation claims payments by the association and is limited to a maximum of two percent of all payments reported to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act (AS 23.30).

The bill also includes a provision to authorize the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to guarantee loans to the association that are needed to make the association financially able to meet cash flow needs. While current law allows the association to borrow money, the association is not a viable prospect for traditional commercial loans. Loan guarantees from AIDEA would permit the association to obtain loans on favorable terms. The bill, however, would limit AIDEA guarantees for association loans to a maximum outstanding principal balance at any time on all loans of \$30,000,000.

The bill provides for an immediate effective date.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SB 277

SENATE BILL NO. 277 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; relating to the Alaska Student Loan Corporation; relating to bonds of the corporation; relating to loan and grant programs of the commission; relating to an exemption from the State Procurement Code regarding certain contracts of the commission or corporation; making conforming changes; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Community and Economic
Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Education and Early
Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Commission on Post-secondary Education (ACPE) and the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC). This bill is a result of ASLC board members and management, in consultation with financial advisors, proposing a mechanism where (1) the state could optimize the use of its financial assets and deliver a greater return to Alaskans for its initial investment in ASLC and ACPE; and (2) continue to effectively administer ACPE/ASLC financial aid programs.

The bill would allow ASLC to issue bonds utilizing future cash flow that is in excess of that needed for effective and efficient operation of corporation programs. ASLC predicts it can return \$260 million to the state over a three-year period beginning in 2004; the proceeds from which would be available to finance capital projects.

The ASLC's primary mission is to support, promote, and provide access to postsecondary education for Alaskans. The objective of this legislation is to continue to serve that mission, but to do so in a way that permits ASLC to serve broader state interests through the efficient allocation of financial resources. As part of the development process, cash flow models were developed to ensure the corporation has and will continue to have the financial capacity to discount loan interest rates and deliver outstanding borrower benefits to its primary customers -- Alaska students and their families.

The bill establishes a "needs-based" grant program to be funded from corporate receipts and federal matching dollars. Grants must be used for qualified Alaska education programs focused on meeting Alaska's labor shortage needs. A priority is placed on students enrolled in programs of study (such as health care and education) where there is a severe shortage of trained individuals in Alaska.

The bill also creates an "administrative collection order" and a process for establishment and use of such an order by ACPE. An administrative collection order would allow ACPE to establish a lien on borrower's property when that person has broken their promise to re-pay an education loan.

Finally, the bill exempts ACPE and ASLC contracts for disbursing and guaranteeing financial aid money from Alaska's procurement code. This creates efficiencies in the internal operations of ACPE and ASLC and meets the needs of participating post-secondary institutions (ACPE contracts with a guaranty agency and disbursing agents to electronically guarantee and/or disburse financial aid money for students to colleges and universities).

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SB 278

SENATE BILL NO. 278 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to fees for the inspection of recreational devices, for certificates of fitness for electrical wiring and plumbing, for filing voluntary flexible work hour plans, and for licenses for boiler operators; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to fees for the inspection of recreational devices, for inspection and issuance of certificates of fitness for electrical wiring and plumbing, for filing of voluntary flexible work hour plans, and for licenses for boiler operators. The Department of Labor (Department) spends time and state funds inspecting, reviewing, approving, or denying all of the above activities. It is only fair that the individuals receiving the benefit of the Department's efforts pay for those services.

Under AS 05.20.060, the Department conducts inspections of recreational devices to ensure public safety. Recreational devices include, but are not limited to, ski tows, roller coasters, merry-go-rounds, and ferris wheels. If an inspection reveals a defect that is an immediate safety hazard, the Department can shut down the device until the problem is fixed. This bill would allow the Department to collect an inspection fee of \$200 from the owner or operator for each recreational device inspected.

Under AS 18.60.395, a person can apply to the Department for a boiler operator license. The Department reviews the application for compliance with its regulations and standards for boiler operators. This bill would allow the Department to collect an application fee of \$200 when a person applies for a boiler operator license.

Under AS 18.62.030, except in limited situations, a person is required to obtain a certificate of fitness from the Department before the person can perform work under AS 18.50.580 (Electrical Safety Code) or AS 18.60.705 (Plumbing Code). Currently, an applicant for a certificate of fitness must pay a biennial application fee of \$160. This bill would increase the fee to \$200.

Under AS 23.10.060(d)(14), an employer is required to obtain Department approval of the employer's proposed voluntary flexible work hour plan. Flexible work hour plans, for example, allow an employee to work 4 days of 10 hours each rather than 5 days of 8 hours each without additional overtime expense to the employer. The Department reviews the plan to make sure it meets certain requirements of Alaska's wage and hour laws. The bill would require an employer to pay a \$100 fee when it files a plan for Department approval.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SB 279

SENATE BILL NO. 279 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act authorizing and relating to the issuance of bonds by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for safe and clean water and hygienic sewage disposal facility capital projects and other capital projects; providing for the repayment of the bonds and bond costs; relating to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to provide financing for water and sewer projects. This bill would allow direct financing of projects and provide matching funds required by federal grant programs to build the projects. Funds would come from bonds issued by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Repayment of costs of the bonds by AHFC (including principal and interest), would be offset by a reduction in AHFC's dividend to the state.

The technical and financial support delivered by this bill to Alaska communities will allow them to benefit from the improvement in public health, economic development, and quality of life that follows when adequate water and sewer facilities are built.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – Benny Albert

Senator(s) Lincoln, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Coghill

Honoring – Ruth Elizabeth Atkinson, Ms. Chemawa for 2003 – 2004

Senator(s) Lincoln, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Kookesh

Honoring – John St. Germain and Jim Betts

Representative(s) Joule
Senator(s) Olson, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Dr. Mary C. Demientieff

Senator(s) Lincoln, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Coghill, Morgan

In Memoriam – Joseph Trucano

Representative(s) Weyhrauch
Senator(s) Elton, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring – Kieth and Pat Harvey, 40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Senator(s) Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 26 to plane time. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from afternoon plane time, January 23 to morning plane time, January 26. Without objection, Senator French was excused.

SB 1

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 26, 2004. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

January 2004

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Jan 26	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Jan 28	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Jan 30	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE

Jan 23	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 26	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 27	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

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FINANCE (continued)

Jan 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
SJR 3 CONST AM: APPROPRIATION/SPENDING LIMIT
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
= SB 31 RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA
HB 215 ONE PERCENT FOR ART
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 30 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ HB 260 IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING FREE HEALTH CARE
+ SB 217 GENETIC PRIVACY

JUDICIARY

Jan 26 Monday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 28 Wednesday Capitol 120 1:00 PM
-- Time and Location Change --
+ Joint w/(H) Judiciary
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
 H. Conner Thomas
 Ann Rabinowitz

Jan 30 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
+ SB 244 INCREASE FINE FOR SCHOOL ZONE VIOLATIONS
+= SB 203 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
+ Pulltabs Subcommittee Report
<Listen Only Teleconference>
+ SB 237 AK RAILROAD EDUCATION APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Jan 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
-- Time and Location Change --
Joint Labor and Commerce Meeting
Workers Compensation Overview and Update

Jan 29 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Jan 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 26 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 271 NATURAL GAS DEVEL AUTHORITY PROJECTS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 264 REPEAL PIPELINE PREAPPLICATION DEADLINE
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 30 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 29 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

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TRANSPORTATION

Jan 27 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 29 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 25 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
Alaskan Command's annual address by
Lt.General Carrol H."Howie" Chandler
Testimony by Invitation Only

OTHER MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

Feb 03 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **12:00 PM**
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Children's Justice Act Task Force:
This is a federally funded group that is
tasked with recommending improvements
to the system of addressing child sexual
abuse and exploitation.

ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE

Jan 28 **Wednesday** **Anchorage** **9:00 AM**
AIDEA/AEA BOARD ROOM
813 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Third Floor
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 26	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
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Senator Bunde will offer a presentation, "The High School Graduation Qualifying Exam - A Refresher" to provide legislators, staff and others the opportunity to review the history of the exam, what the law contains and new developments since 2001. Copies of the Practice Test will be available. All are welcome.